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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading was trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady to weak. Retail demand was seasonally light with strongest movement for features and other holiday items. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food and catering services for holiday activities. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights longest and frequently discounted to assist in clearance. In the parts structure, trading increased slightly for weekend needs, but remained fair at best. Bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing, and wings were irregular, ranging adequate to at times tight. Dark meat and the remaining breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/17-12/22/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-49.00	45.00-65.75	47.46	26
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	45.00-47.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.25-63.25	44.50-65.50	62.28	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
683	57.80-65.50	63.14
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.00	1,306
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,559
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50	1,098
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	765
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	8,406
WINGS	86.00	3,145

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was about steady. Additional whole birds and Wogs offerings varied, but sufficient to fill very light trade interest. Movement into retail accounts continued slow to fair at best. Food service demand was typical for end of the week with slight increases noted and mostly moderate. Fast food and catering operations provided the best call. Floor stocks well balanced to ample with weights mostly desirable. Parts offerings light to moderate and very limited trade interest, although wings were receiving fairly decent call. Supplies of wings were in balance to occasionally tight with remaining items fully available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and about steady to occasionally weak on all other items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair, best for features and more traditional holiday items. Food service was better with much interest going into fast food for promotions and dine-in restaurants aided by holiday shopping. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were better balanced, but still available, fully sufficient for boneless skinless. Wings were adequate and clearing, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices 1 cent lower than last week. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mixed levels with regular commitments at mainly lower prices, however new negotiations of heavy weights were at generally lower prices and light weights unchanged overall. Offerings ample for current needs. Sixes were in a full range with whole product over 3 pounds in the longest positions. Steep discounts noted on heavy weights. Buying interest fair as traditional holiday meat items overshadowed regular needs. Demand moderate at best by stores, light to moderate by dine-in restaurants and moderate to good by fast food. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances as they try to keep inventory as close as possible. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 79, whole cut-up 89, boneless breast 157-399, boneless thigh 138, split breast 88-119, whole leg 67, leg quarter 10# bag 280, thigh 67-79, drumstick 67-79 and 5# bag 295, roasters 139; Northern California - whole body 69, split breast 99-299, drumstick 149, boneless thigh 149; Denver - whole body 49, boneless breast 199; Arizona - boneless breast 229-389 and 3# bag IQF 699-899, wing 99, thigh 69-119, drumstick 69-119, boneless thigh 149-199, leg quarter 10# bag 490-690

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate. Thighs were readily available and the balance of parts were at least sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair with some improvements noted entering the weekend. Seller offerings were at least adequate to available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Boneless-skinless breasts were available. Dark meat items were fully adequate. Wings were sufficient for trade needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	42-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.52
NO. OF BOXES	10,423
CUMULATIVE	12/10/01-12/14/01 50.91
	12/11/00-12/15/00 50.68
NO. OF BOXES	12/10/01-12/14/01 52,289
	12/11/00-12/15/00 60,316

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	872	105.00-168.00	118-125	131.16	797	105.00-168.00	118-125	133.49	4,284	131.63	
TENDERLOINS	86	105.00-199.00	105-110	131.26	118	105.00-199.00	105-110	124.12	452	128.14	
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	58.00-61.00	58-60	58.33	75	58.00-61.00	58-60	58.40	440	58.39	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				216	57.36	
LEGS	88	32.00-48.00	33-34	33.45	88	32.50-48.00	33-34	33.91	440	34.55	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.75	436	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.72	2,040	21.77	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	23.00-31.00	24-26	26.23	1,250	23.00-31.00	24-26	26.15	5,800	26.25	
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	80.00-88.00	84-86	86.51	281	80.00-88.00	84-86	86.51	1,404	86.58	
WINGS (CUT)	373	94.00-109.00	94-103	97.95	396	94.00-109.00	95-104	99.17	2,024	98.89	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				335	48.90	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				129	49.49	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	88.29	

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS\*\*\*\*\*  
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TRADING FOR DEC 13, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR DEC 14, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S  
AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S  
AVERAGE****5-DAY  
AVERAGE**

39.00 - 44.75

39.69

39.00 - 44.50

39.43

39.60

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but was noted as no better than fair overall as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts, particularly thighs, were readily available. Wings were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

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**CURRENT NEG****WTD****TRADING\*****AVG\*\*****VOL/LBS****CURRENT NEG****WTD****TRADING\*****AVG\*\*****VOL/LBS**

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**WEEKLY****WTD AVG****VOL/LBS**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	119.52	372,400	115	120.88	333,000	118.52	2,048,620
TENDERLOINS	100	105.85	42,080	100	103.42	105,660	104.32	378,975
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	59.99	186,840	52-53	59.82	229,840	59.60	1,024,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	54.89	184,440	52	55.21	191,160	54.08	852,880
LEGS	37-38	42.05	153,880	37-38	42.56	140,000	42.59	746,060
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.00	391,288	22-23	25.08	311,031	25.25	1,619,648
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.93	78,350	38-39	40.24	149,470	41.41	673,090
THIGHS	32-33	36.86	75,420	30-31	37.80	95,460	39.11	427,920
B/S THIGHS	86-87	85.66	54,480	86-87	85.89	54,440	83.98	282,830
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	91.15	257,040	83-84	90.20	286,600	90.12	1,559,310
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	23,440	10-12	12.19	40,000	12.13	184,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.27	10,120	30-35	35.40	6,120	35.33	49,715
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.11	14,000	55-60	57.86	14,960	60.49	114,630

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)\* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)****SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	12/14	12/13	12/12	12/11	12/12	12/11	12/07	12/05
ALA	4,092	4,068	3,888	3,953	5.15	5.15	4,455	5.11
ARK	5,426	5,323	5,250	5,166	4.93	5.04	5,663	5.00
DELMARVA	2,267	2,294	2,098	2,256	5.09	5.22	2,272	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,013	2,012	1,942	1,941	4.55	4.60	1,939	4.63
MISS	2,755	2,814	2,782	2,804	5.12	5.18	2,873	5.09
NC	2,624	2,647	2,630	2,289	5.99	6.12	2,650	5.91
TEXAS	2,389	2,397	2,406	2,401	4.99	5.01	2,915	5.04
TOTAL	21,566	21,555	20,996	20,810	5.12	5.17	22,767	5.12
MON-FRI106,947(A)							107,867(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Dec 01 and 15-Dec-01 is estimated to be 32,265,000 down 5.56 percent from a week ago and down 7.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,164,000; last year 34,876,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Dec-01 is estimated to be 154,763,000 head down 1.4

percent from a week ago, and up 4.2 percent from a year ago

(Last week 156,932,000 Last year 148,530,000)

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

RANGE		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending December 01, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/(B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	25,351	16,423	41,335
Avg Weight	3.76	4.70	6.09
% of total /1	31%	20%	50%

COMPARISONS

Last week	18,553	11,666	26,504
Avg Weight	3.76	4.87	6.20
% of total /1	33%	21%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,671	27,826	51,030
Avg Weight	3.83	4.70	6.15
% of total /1	31%	24%	45%
To date/2001	1,478,041	1,296,014	2,067,460
To date/2000	1,573,959	1,579,271	1,946,976

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	156,932(A)	1,901	1,684	3,585	508
AVG WT	5.26	3.45	7.88	5.53	6.81
LAST WEEK	157,112	1,932	1,419	3,351	644
SAME WK YR AGO	151,112	1,927	1,353	3,280	530
AVG WT	5.17	3.40	7.69	5.17	6.88
TO-DATE/2001	7,520,213	87,091	67,838	154,929	24,741
TO-DATE/2000	7,523,509	92,378	70,585	162,963	22,085

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.8 million head or 4.7 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 11, 2001**

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.12	Silkie 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - 1.04	Geese
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .34	9-14 LBS .20 - .34
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .62	Pigeons 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.08	White Pigeons 2.85 - 3.10ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits
5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.04	4-6 LBS 1.00 - 1.52
Crossbred Roasters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.20 - .92	7-11 LBS 1.00 - 1.30
Crossbred Roasters		Bunnies 1.50 - 6.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .98	Guinea Pigs .50 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.90 - 1.20	Kid Goats 20.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Roasters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Doves 4.00 - 5.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Chukars 3.50 - 4.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.30 - .34	Pullets 4-6 LBS .50 - .62
Leghorn Roasters	.30 - .48	Total Coops Sold 845

\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

**DUE TO THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS, NO SALES WILL BE REPORTED FOR DECEMBER 25, 2001 AND JANUARY 1, 2002 BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2002, ALL POULTRY WILL BE AI TESTED**

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62-67	63-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	65-73

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was mostly good as anticipated due to the upcoming holidays. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-DEC-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**

**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 3	157.4	155.4	101	5.26
10	156.4	151.8	103	4.93
17	154.1	148.1	104	5.10
24	115.0	149.1	77	4.98
DECEMBER 1	159.0	152.5	104	5.18
8	158.8	154.1	103	5.26
YEAR TO DATE	7611.7	7566.1	101	
DECEMBER 15		152.0		
22		145.7		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	12/15/01	12/08/01	% CHG	12/16/00	% CHG
Broilers	154,763	156,932*	-01	148,530*	+04
Cattle	695	665	+05	651*	+07
Hogs	2,051	2,095	-02	1,958*	+05

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Supplies were sufficient on lights, close balance to instances tight on heavies. Undertone was steady on lights, at least steady to fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5	31-38 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.75-41 MAJORITY 35-36.5

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair at best and generally unaggressive. Offerings were mostly adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Canners movement was moderate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was slow to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings usually fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Finished product movement was reported as improved. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales prices were too few to report. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Canner supplies were about adequate for current trade needs. The market tone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate offerings. Finished sales ranged fair to good. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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